



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR

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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Teachers

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Re: New Jersey FFA Agriscience Fair
Wednesday, March 8, 2006 - Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ

WHAT IS THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR?

The FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes students studying the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in agricultural enterprises. This event provides students the opportunity to use the scientific process and reinforce skills and principles learned in agriscience courses.

There are four divisions. Division I is open to individual members in grades 7-9. Division II is open to individual members in grades 10-12. Division III is open to teams of two in grades 7-9. Division IV is open to teams of two in grades 10-12. There are five categories: Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science, Environmental Sciences, Zoology, Botany, and Engineering. A school may only have entry per division and category.

This event meets New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in Language Arts Literacy, Mathematics, and Science.

WHO CAN COMPETE?

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled in an approved agricultural education course.
2. Students who have earned first place and/or represented New Jersey at the National FFA Convention may not compete in the same division and category again.
3. A member may not compete as an individual and on a team in the same year.

HOW DO I PRE-REGISTER?

Use the online registration form and submit your completed registration to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us by **February 14, 2006**. Additional materials are also due on February 14th. (See next page)

A \$7.00 per person registration fee is assessed per participant. Registration fees are used to provide awards to FFA members. Please forward payment or purchase order IMMEDIATELY! Make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey with "Agriscience Fair" in the memo line and send to the Office

of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330. **Registrations received after February 14th will be assessed a \$10 late fee.** Please be prepared to pay prior to or at the registration desk on the day of the event. Cash will not be accepted.

WHAT DO I SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 14TH?

1. Pre-registration form sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us
2. Please fax or send a hard copy of:
 - a. **One copy of the National FFA Agriscience Fair Application**, including:
 - i. Agriscience Fair Application Form
 - ii. Hazardous Materials Waiver Form
 - iii. Non-human Vertebrate Endorsement (*if applicable*)
 - iv. Human Vertebrate Endorsement (*if applicable*)
 - v. Checklist for Adult Sponsor/ Safety Assessment Form
 - vi. Approval Form
 - vii. Agriscience Fair Certification Form

The Agriscience Fair Application is downloadable through WinZip as an Excel file at http://www.ffa.org/programs/ag_sci/index.html. Be sure to use the 2006 Application.

- b. **Five copies of the Abstract** (One page maximum)

WHAT DOES THE NEW JERSEY FFA AGRISCIENCE FAIR INVOLVE?

Students participating in the Agriscience Fair will need to provide a display, log book, and project report at the event. Displays can be no larger than 48 inches wide by 30 inches deep by 108 inches (from floor to top of display, includes table if project is on a table top). Judges will interview participants for a maximum of 15 minutes. Participant order will be selected at random.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair Score Sheet will be used to evaluate participants.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR ON MARCH 8?

- * 2:15-3:30pm – Display Set-up – Atrium
- * 3:00-3:30pm – Registration – Foyer
- * 3:30pm – Event Kick-off – Auditorium
- * 3:45pm –? (*End time depends on number of participants*) – Agriscience Fair Project Judging – Atrium (*The Auditorium will be used as a holding room for members not in interviews*)

WHAT RECOGNITION IS THERE?

New Jersey recognizes the top three overall individuals and top three overall teams with award checks.

HOW DO I GET AGRISCIENCE FAIR RESULTS?

Official results will be available via email and on the New Jersey FFA website at http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag_ed/business.htm Please do not call the Office of Agricultural Education for results.

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Directions to the Rutgers EcoComplex Bordentown, NJ (609) 499-3600

From NJ Turnpike:

Take Exit 7 to Rt. 206 S.

Stay on Rt. 206 S. for about 3.5 miles (Past exit for Hedding)

Exit Rt. 206 S. at Columbus-Burlington Exit (Rt. 543)

At stop sign make RIGHT onto Rt. 543 West (travel about 2 miles)

EcoComplex is large green building on LEFT, before the second light

or

Route 206 S. to first light - follow signs for I295 S.

First RIGHT (at light) onto Old York Road

QUICK RIGHT (at stop sign & sign for Rt. 295) onto

Rising Sun Road

Proceed less than 1 mile

LEFT onto I295 South

Follow below

From Route 295:

Exit 52A (Columbus)

EcoComplex is large green building on RIGHT just past the first light.

From Route 206 Northbound:

Route 206 North past Columbus Farmer's Market

Exit for the town of Columbus approx. one mile north of market

At traffic light make LEFT onto Rt. 543 West (also called Main St.)

EcoComplex is large green building on LEFT, before the second light

From PA Turnpike:

Go over PA-NJ Turnpike Bridge

Take the first exit for US Route 130

RIGHT on the first light onto 656E (Florence-Columbus Rd.)

After approximately 3 miles there is an overpass for I295

Go through next light

EcoComplex is large green building on RIGHT

From the Riverline Florence Station (bike path):

Take John Galt Way to Route 130 (stop light)

Go North (left) on 130 (currently need to go south and do a U-turn) to Cedar Lane (0.6 miles)

Turn right on Cedar Lane to Burlington Bustleton Road (stop sign) (0.9 miles)

Turn left on Burl. Bustleton Rd. to Old York Road (0.3 miles)

Turn right on Old York Road to Route 543 (flashing light) (0.6 miles)

Turn left on Route 543 to the EcoComplex facility (2.7 miles)

This is the best route to use should you be biking from the station to the complex (5.1 miles). Alternatively, after turning north (left) onto Route 130, go to the second stop light and turn right onto Florence-Columbus Road. Follow Florence-Columbus Road to the second stop light. You will pass over Interstate 295. The Rutgers EcoComplex is located on the corner at the second light. Schedules, fees and maps for the Riverline can be found at <http://www.riverline.com/>.

